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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
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Filed: Herewith)	
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For: A METHOD FOR FACILITATING)	
ACCESS TO MULTIMEDIA	:	
CONTENT)	December 20, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 10, 11, and 13 to read as follows. A marked-up version of those claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

10. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1-6 wherein said network identifier identifies an item of metadata, wherein said metadata represents one of a

description of said item of multimedia content or a description of a collection of multimedia content.

11. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1-6 wherein said network identifiers represent descriptions of collections of multimedia content, in which individual said descriptions of said content are accessible via branch network identifiers depending from other said network identifiers.

13. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1-6 further comprising, at said server, examining a corresponding ranked list at another server within said network and modifying said ranked list with locations obtained from said corresponding ranked list.

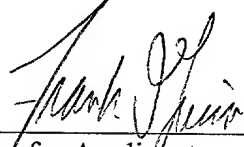
REMARKS

Claims 10, 11, and 13 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. Those changes have not been made for purposes related to patentability.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIM

10. (Amended) A method according to any one of [the preceding] claims 1-
6 wherein said network identifier identifies an item of metadata, wherein said metadata
represents one of a description of said item of multimedia content or a description of a
collection of multimedia content.

11. (Amended) A method according to any one of [the preceding] claims 1-
6 wherein said network identifiers represents descriptions of collections of multimedia
content, in which individual said descriptions of said content are accessible via branch
network identifiers depending from other said network identifiers.

13. (Amended) A method according to any one of [the preceding] claims 1-
6 further comprising, at said server, examining a corresponding ranked list at another server
within said network and modifying said ranked list with locations obtained from said
corresponding ranked list.